

**FEASIBILITY OF CREATING AND MAINTAINING A COASTAL
BARRIER SYSTEM**

CHAPTER 843

H.B. No. 2252

AN ACT

relating to the feasibility of creating and maintaining a coastal barrier system.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. (a) The legislature shall establish a joint interim committee to continue to study the feasibility and desirability of creating and maintaining a coastal barrier system in this state that includes a series of gates and barriers to prevent storm surge damage to gulf beaches or coastal ports, industry, or property.

(b) The committee is composed of:

(1) the members of the standing committee of the senate that has primary jurisdiction over natural resources;

(2) the members of the standing committee of the house of representatives that has primary jurisdiction over land and resource management;

(3) two members of the senate appointed by the lieutenant governor, each of whom represents a district in a county that borders the Gulf of Mexico; and

(4) two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, each of whom represents a district in a county that borders the Gulf of Mexico.

(c) The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives shall jointly designate a chair or, alternatively, designate two co-chairs from among the committee membership.

(d) The committee may adopt rules necessary to carry out the committee's duties under this section.

(e) Not later than December 1, 2018, the committee shall report to the governor and the legislature the findings of the study and any recommendations developed by the committee under this section.

(f) The committee is abolished and this Act expires January 7, 2019.

SECTION 2. Chapter 194 (S.B. 695), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 9, 2017: Yeas 143, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 15, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

DECEDENTS' ESTATES AND CERTAIN POSTHUMOUS GIFTS

CHAPTER 844

H.B. No. 2271

AN ACT

relating to decedents' estates and certain posthumous gifts.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 22.004(a), Estates Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) "Child" includes an adopted child, regardless of whether the adoption occurred through: